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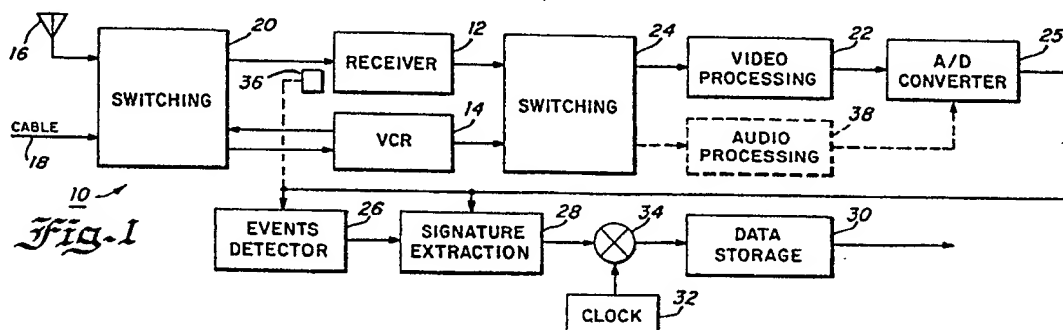
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(54) **Signal identification system.**

(57) A system for identifying signals such as signals representative of television programs received from various sources detects the occurrence of predetermined events such as scene changes in the video signal and extracts a signature from the signal. The signatures and the times of occurrence of the signature are stored and subsequently compared with reference signatures to identify the signal. The signature may be compared in pairs to increase resolution, and the time interval between events or signatures may also be used to identify the signal, either by themselves or in conjunction with the signatures.



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